



## U.S. Government Buys Coal Leases in National Monument

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The U.S. Department of Interior agreed Friday to pay \$5.5 million for PacifiCorp's federal coal leases in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah.

This is the second major coal agreement in just one week. On Oct. 8 the agency negotiated a \$14-million payment for adjacent federal coal leases owned by Sandy-based Andalex Resources.

Development of both sets of leases was blocked in 1996 by President Clinton's surprise decision to create the 1.9-million-acre monument. The president used the threat of Andalex's proposed coal mine about 70 miles east of Kanab as one of his reasons for protecting the area.

For the three years since the monument's creation, Andalex and PacifiCorp have been negotiating a deal that would compensate them for the coal losses. This involved appraisals and estimates of the likelihood that coal from this remote region would be developed profitably sometime in the near future.

"From PacifiCorp's point of view, those leases had a substantially higher value than \$5.5 million," said company spokesman Dave Eskelsen. "But this agreement was a way to conclude the process and move on."

Officials from Andalex and the Department of Interior never could agree on the value of those leases, so the \$14-million payment was based on the amount the company had spent developing its mine plan.

The Andalex and PacifiCorp deals are subject to approval by Congress.

PacifiCorp, the Portland-based parent company of Utah Power, held 18,287 acres of coal leases within the monument. Andalex had 34,499 acres of leases.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt praised the PacifiCorp decision, saying in a prepared statement: "This is another follow-through by the administration on President Clinton's proclamation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument."

— \$300/acre

— \$405/acre

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CASE RECORDATION  
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Case Type 210013: ACQ-FLPMA

Commodity 001: NONE

Case Disposition: AUTHORIZED

Total Acres  
34,498.730

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Name & Address			Int Rel	% Interest
AMCA COAL LEASING	BOX 902	PRICE UT 84501	LESSEE	0.000000000
BLM	BOX 45155	SALT LAKE CITY UT 841450155	ACQUIRING AGENCY	100.000000000

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Mer Twp	Rng	Sec	STyp	SNr	Suff	Subdivision	District/Resource Area	County	Mgmt Agency
26	0410S	0030E	001	ALL		ENTIRE SECTION	GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE	KANE	BUREAU OF LAND MGMT
26	0400S	0040E	005	ALL		ENTIRE SECTION	GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE	KANE	BUREAU OF LAND MGMT
26	0400S	0040E	006	ALL		ENTIRE SECTION	GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE	KANE	BUREAU OF LAND MGMT
26	0400S	0040E	031	ALL		ENTIRE SECTION	GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE	KANE	BUREAU OF LAND MGMT
26	0410S	0040E	007	ALL		ENTIRE SECTION	GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE	KANE	BUREAU OF LAND MGMT

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Act Date	Code	Action	Action Remarks	Pending Office
10/01/1999	387	CASE ESTABLISHED	GSMN ACQ OF COAL LEAS	
12/16/1999	865	TITLE ACCEPTED BY US	RELINQUISHMENT FILED	
12/27/1999	968	CASE ACTION COMPLETED	RELINQ. ACC BY SEC IN	
12/29/1999	095	FUNDED BY LWCF		
12/29/1999	500	GEOGRAPHIC NAME	GSENM;	
12/29/1999	542	SUPPLEMENTAL USE/PURPOSE	053;	
12/29/1999	859	PAYMENT MADE	\$14,000,000;	

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**Case Type 210013: ACQ-FLPMA**  
**Commodity 001: NONE**  
**Case Disposition: AUTHORIZED**

**Total Acres**  
**18,325.160**

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Name & Address	Int Rel	% Interest
BLM BOX 45155 SALT LAKE CITY UT 841450155	ACQUIRING AGENCY	100.00000000
PACIFICORP 201 S MAIN ST #2100 SALT LAKE CITY UT 841400021	LESSEE	0.00000000

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